Wildlife sanctuaries in Chhattisgarh

1901. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to open new wildlife sanctuaries in the State of Chhattisgarh in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from the Forest department of Chhattisgarh to mark any areas of the State as protected wildlife sanctuaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) As per the report received from the Chief Wildlife Warden of Chhattisgarh, there is no plan to set up any new wildlife sanctuary in Chhattisgarh in the near future.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Plants/animals species on brink of extinct

†1902. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all efforts, the number of plants/ animals species which are on the brink of becoming extinct, is increasing in the country; and

(b) if so, the total number of such plants and animals, State-wise/ sanctuary-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Despite the increasing pressure on natural habitats of animals and plant species, there are no scientific population estimates available to suggest that there is an increase in the number of animal and plant species on the verge of extinction.

(b) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.